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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of this patent application,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 6 as follows. A marked up copy of claim
6 is attached hereto.

6. A shuttered connector according to claim 2, wherein the
front portion of each of the insertion parts of the mating
connector has a slanted surface.